FISCAL NOTE

SB 3974 - HB 3915

February 19, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires institutions of higher education to develop and enforce a policy which prohibits the infringement of copyrighted works over the school's computer and network resources, including the school's local area and internal networks.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$9,515,000/One-Time \$1,650,000/Recurring /FY08-09 \$1,969,500/Recurring/FY09-10 and Succeeding Years

Assumptions:

- Costs would include the implementation of a solution that blocks peer-to-peer (P2P) with certain network traffic signatures that can distinguish between illegal P2P options and legal options.
- Notification to users when they sign onto the network would occur when they receive their network ID and possibly once a year thereafter.
- First year costs to the University of Tennessee system would include a one-time cost of \$200,000 for monitoring software and a recurring cost of \$75,000 for one staff position and benefits to monitor network traffic.
- First year costs to the Tennessee Board of Regents system include a one-time cost of \$2,794,500 for monitoring software, a one-time cost of \$6,520,500 for monitoring hardware and a recurring cost of \$1,575,000 for 21 staff positions and benefits (@\$75,000 each) to monitor network traffic.
- FY09-10 and thereafter recurring costs to the University of Tennessee system include an annual software maintenance cost of \$40,000.
- FY09-10 and thereafter recurring costs to the Tennessee Board of Regents system include an annual software maintenance cost of \$279,450.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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